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Security Council

10 a.m.	6010th meeting	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan	
	Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan (S/2008/662)	
Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	UNMIS (S/2008/662)	
	Other matters	

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6010th meeting.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

The General Assembly will hold a commemorative meeting for the sixtieth anniversary of peacekeeping, pursuant to resolution 62/273, under agenda item 31 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) at its plenary meeting on Friday, 7 November 2008 at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, *instead* of Tuesday, 11 November 2008 as originally scheduled.

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held on Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway).

Parts 1 and 2 of the revised draft outcome document has been issued and are available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

The announcement concerning the Conference and its proposed organization of work appears on page 16.

General Assembly
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Delegations who have not yet inscribed on the list of speakers for the meeting of the General Assembly on agenda item 45 (Culture of peace) to be held on 12 and 13 November 2008 in the General Assembly Hall are kindly invited to send their request, in writing, as soon as possible to the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (fax 1 (212) 963-4230).

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Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 22nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Questions relation to information . . . . . [32]

Action on draft resolutions A and B, amendment A/C.4/63/L.8 and draft decision contained in document A/63/21

2. Effects of atomic radiation . . . . . [27]

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.9[1]

3. Revitalization for the work of the General Assembly . . . . . [110]

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.10[1]

4. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/63/273, A/63/483, A/63/484 and A/63/482) . . . . . [30]

General debate

[1]To be issued.

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 25th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [47]

(a) International trade and development (A/63/15 (Part I), A/63/15 (Part II), A/63/15 (Part III), A/63/15 (Part IV), A/63/168, A/63/324 and A/C.2/63/3)

Introductory statements followed by "question time"

General discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 26th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [47]

(a) International trade and development (A/63/15 (Part I), A/63/15 (Part II), A/63/15 (Part III), A/63/15 (Part IV), A/63/168, A/63/324 and A/C.2/63/3)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

2. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly . . . . . [110]

3. Programme planning . . . . . [119]

[*Note:* The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)). Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 37th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (A/63/12, A/63/12/Add.1 and A/63/321) . . . . . [39]

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

[*Note:* Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).]

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Information and Communication Technology (A/62/793, A/62/793/Corr.1, A/62/793/Add.1, A/62/510/Rev.1, A/62/477, A/62/487, A/62/502, A/62/7/Add.31, A/61/290, A/61/478, A/63/487/Corr.1, A/61/765, A/61/804, A/61/826, A/62/537, A/60/582, A/60/582/Add.1, A/60/665, A/60/665/Add.1, A/63/140, A/63/140/Add.1, A/62/806 and A/63/496))

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 25th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session (A/63/10) . . . . . [75]

Granting of observer status for the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea in the General Assembly (A/63/234, A/C.6/63/1/Add.1 and A/C.6/63/L.13) . . . . . [156]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.13

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States . . . . . [72]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.14

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives . . . . . [77]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.12

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its resumed fortieth and forty-first session (A/62/17, A/63/17, A/C.6/63/L.4, A/C.6/63/L.5 and A/C.6/63/L.6) . . . . . [74]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.6/63/L.4, A/C.6/63/L.5 and A/C.6/63/L.6

Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly . . . . . [151]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.3

Observer status for the University of Peace in the General Assembly . . . . . [153]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.2

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Special political missions

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace" (under agenda item 45) (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the special economic assistance for the Republic of Yemen (under agenda item 65 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Yemen)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution of international cooperation to reduce the impact of El Niño phenomenon (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Third Committee

Informal consultations on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (under agenda item 62 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and Slovenia)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (under agenda item 64 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 5 November 2008

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters; and briefing with the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (on the draft resolution on the right to development; and other issues)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamb

Other activities

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Wednesday, 5 November 2008

Special event on "Enhancing Pacific connectivity" (organized by UN-OHRLLS, in partnership with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, United Nations Development Programme)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nelly Ahouilihoua, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-4283; e-mail ahouilihoua@un.org).]

UNU panel discussion on "Global citizenship in action? Civil society and accountable global governance" (organized by United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

From 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[To register or for more information for the event, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

Panel discussion on "Creating credibility: Legitimacy and accountability for transnational civil society" (organized by the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Lawrence de Laubadère, UN-NGLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-3125; e-mail delaubadere@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 5 November 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 6 November 2008

General Assembly
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10 a.m. . . . . 39th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice . . . . . [103 (c)]

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/63/186)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/187, A/63/187/Add.1 and A/63/187/Add.2[1])

(c) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/188)

[1] To be issued.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Informal briefing

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica (Croatia), and the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, Mr. Mike Smith, will give an informal briefing on recent developments in the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee and CTED on Thursday, 6 November 2008, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to interested Member States.

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Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held as follows, in Conference Room 8: Monday and Tuesday, 10 and 11 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3.30 to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 13 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 14 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Monday, 17, to Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[*Note*: An informal meeting will be convened on Wednesday, 12 November, from 2 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8, by Ambassador David Balton, Chairman of the seventh round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (ICSP-7), in preparation of the anticipated eighth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties.]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 15th meeting on Thursday, 6 November 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and 2008 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

The 2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2008 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held on Monday, 10 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Delegations are requested to submit, in writing, the names of their representatives to the Pledging Conferences, to the Secretary of the Conference, Ms. Meena Sur (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail surm@un.org). The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Conference (Ms. Catalina de Leon (tel. 1 (212) 963-8678; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail leonc@un.org)).

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 313th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Monday, 10 November 2008, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland, on behalf of the Core Group of the Geneva Declaration)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia" (under agenda item 65 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Liberia)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace" (under agenda item 45) (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A;

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Barbados)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation" (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A;

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 13 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Industrial development cooperation" (under agenda item 53) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution of international cooperation to reduce the impact of El Niño phenomenon (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Angola)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Combating defamation of religions" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Uganda, in its capacity as Chair of the OIC Group)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations of the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (on humanitarian issues)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Coalition for the International Criminal Court (briefing on issues related to the Assembly of States Parties)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

African Group (informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa" (agenda item 43))

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

International Criminal Court (informal consultations on the omnibus resolution)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

United Nations Development Programme (meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Reports 2008 and 2009*) (open to all interested delegations)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday and Wednesday, 18 and 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail falls@un.org).]

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on "The Geneva Declaration and its goals" (in the process of consultation with Member States on the draft resolution entitled "Promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence") (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

DPI/NGO briefing on "Millennium villages: A new way to fighting poverty"

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact the NGO Section, DPI (e-mail section1d@un.org).]

OLA/UNITAR seminar on the undertaking of treaty actions and the registration of treaties

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[To register for this seminar, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Forum on "Achieving our targets: Stemming the tide of malaria in Africa" (organized by the United States Mission)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
(Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

The Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held from Saturday, 29 November, to Tuesday, 2 December 2008, at the Convention Centre, annexed to the Sheraton Doha Resort and Convention Hotel.

Plenary meetings

The Conference will include eight plenary meetings. The plenary meetings will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and from Sunday, 30 November, to Tuesday, 2 December, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m. All plenary meetings will be held at the Al Dafna Hall.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings will open *today, 5 November 2008*, at 10 a.m. Inscriptions shall be on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be rearranged in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings *should be limited to 5 minutes*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2994B; tel. 1 (212) 963-2333; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

Round tables

The Conference will include six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the six major thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus. The round tables will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 1); Sunday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 2) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 3); Monday, 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 4) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 5); and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 6). All the round tables will be held at the Al Majlis Auditorium.

Each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all Member States; 21 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations; 7 representatives of accredited civil society organizations; and 7 representatives of accredited business sector entities. Each representative may be accompanied by one adviser. No list of speakers will be established. The inscription of non-State entities for participation in the round tables is *now open* until Monday, 17 November, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Non-state entities wishing to participate in the round tables are kindly requested to inscribe with the Financing for Development Office (room DC2-2146; tel. 1 (212) 963-4755; fax 1 (212) 963-0443; or e-mail buencamino@un.org).

Credentials of representatives

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives, in accordance with Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-1107; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430).

Composition of delegations

The delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Community shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternative representatives and advisers as may be required. Delegations are kindly requested to submit comprehensive lists of delegations to the Protocol and Liaison Service in New York (room S-201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921), until Monday, 17 November 2008. As of Monday, 24 November 2008, delegation lists, accreditation forms and all

other conference-related materials should be submitted for processing to the United Nations Accreditation Centre in Doha.

The note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the Conference (A/63/345) outlines provisional rules of procedure, provisional agenda and proposed timetable of meetings.

Further information, including the list of side events, can be consulted from the Financing for Development Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd/doha>.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963 3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* until Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 62 (DC2 Building).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between

women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The

Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 4 November 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

38th plenary meeting

Report of the Human Rights Council (A/63/53 and A/63/53/Add.1) [58]

The General Assembly started its consideration of the annual report of the Human Rights Council and its activities for the year.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The General Assembly heard statements by the representative of Nigeria, H.E. Mr. Martin Ihoeghian Uhomoibhi, who is also the President of the Human Rights Council, and by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Liechtenstein, Switzerland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Romania, Brazil, Senegal, Mexico, Egypt, New Zealand, Ghana, Israel, the Russian Federation, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Panama.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 58.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

21st meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [30]

The Chairman made a statement.

A member of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.

A statement introducing the report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/63/273) was made by the representative of Sri Lanka, in his capacity as Chairman of the Special Committee.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the observer for Palestine, as well as by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as Ukraine and Armenia), Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the Syrian Arab Republic, Morocco, Algeria, Yemen, Pakistan, South Africa, Lebanon and Senegal.

Organization of work

The Committee decided to take action at its next meeting on 5 November on the dra proposals contained in document A/63/21 and amendment A/C.4/63/L.8 (agenda ite 32), the draft resolution on the Effects of Atomic Radiation and the draft decision o programme of work of the Committee for the next session.

Second Committee

24th meeting

Information and communication technologies for development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.10

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution on behal the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development Small Island Developing States

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.12 and A/C.2/63/L.13

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolutions on beha the Group of 77 and China.

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.14

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution on behal the Group of 77 and China.

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.15

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution on behal the Group of 77 and China.

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification i those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particula in Africa

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.16

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution on behal the Group of 77 and China.

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.17

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.18

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Eradication of poverty and other development issues . . . . . [53]

(a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.11 and A/C.2/63/L.25

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolutions on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Groups of countries in special situations . . . . . [52]

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

The Committee resumed its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Kazakhstan, the Sudan, India, Mozambique, Yemen, Nepal, Mauritius (on behalf of the African Group), Paraguay, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Niger, Ethiopia, Maldives and Nigeria.

The Committee also heard a statement made by the representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 52 as a whole.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chairman (Belarus) made a statement.

Third Committee

35th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . . . [60 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.16

The representative of Uruguay introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Croatia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Monaco and the Republic of Moldova.

Armenia, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Serbia, Timor Leste and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [64 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.20

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Brazil, Gabon and the United States.

Armenia and Sri Lanka joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.21

The representative of Belgium introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Benin, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Greece, Israel, Latvia, Sweden and Togo.

Argentina, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Guatemala, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Mali, Mongolia and Paraguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.23

The representative of Germany introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Guatemala, Sri Lanka and Timor-Leste joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.24

The representative of Benin introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Austria, Bulgaria, Colombia, El Salvador, France, Hungary, Ireland and Slovenia.

Guatemala, Iraq, Italy and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.35

The Secretary announced that due to a technical error, New Zealand was omitted and should have been listed as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of Sweden introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Benin, El Salvador, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine.

The Republic of Korea and Uruguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [62]

(a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities . . . . . [64 (e)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.37

The representative of Mexico introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Iceland, Lithuania, the Republic of Moldova, Tunisia and Uruguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [62]

(a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [63]

The Committee resumed its joint consideration of agenda items 62 and 63 and heard a statement by the Vice-Chairperson of the Durban Review Conference Preparatory Committee on behalf of the Chairperson of the Conference.

General discussion

The Committee resumed its general discussion of agenda items 62 and 63 and heard statements by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, Chile, France (on behalf of the European Union), the United Kingdom and Mauritania, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

Statements were made by the observers for the Council of Europe as well as the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

36th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [39]

The Committee began its consideration of the agenda item and heard an introductory statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees responded to questions and comments made by the representatives of Burundi, Iraq, Yemen, the Sudan, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Cameroon, Ethiopia and Algeria.

The Committee then began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Japan, the Sudan, the United States, Colombia, Egypt, China, India, Hungary, Norway and Canada.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Sixth Committee

24th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session [75]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 75.

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece, the Czech Republic, New Zealand, Switzerland, Australia, Italy, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Poland, Canada, Argentina, Israel, Qatar, Jamaica, France and Romania.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Ratification: Mauritius (31 October 2008)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Poland (23 October 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Mauritius
H.E. Mr. Somduth Soborun

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khazaee

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Heraldo Muñoz

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Hjálmar Hannesson

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 4 November 2008.

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Sixty-third session

A/63/L.14/Add.1 Item 40 — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Canada and New Zealand: draft resolution — Smoke-free United Nations premises — Argentina, Finland, France, Ireland, Israel, Lebanon, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.15/Add.1 Item 44 — Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields — Antigua and Barbuda: draft resolution — Commemoration of the fifteenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development — Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Mozambique, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland [A C E F R S]

A/63/112/Add.1 Item 65 (b) — Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action — Excerpts from the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference on its second substantive session — Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur: Resfel Pino Álvarez (Cuba) [A C E F R S]

A/63/187/Add.1–S/2008/503/Add.1 Item 103 (c) — Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five members of the International Court of Justice — List of candidates nominated by national groups — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/214/Corr.1* Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

A/63/251/Add.2 Agenda of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/63/503* Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

A/63/510 Item 45 — Culture of peace — Letter dated 21 October 2008 from the Permanent Representatives of the Netherlands and Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/63/L.20 Item 64 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Benin, Costa Rica, Djibouti, Egypt, Japan, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco and Senegal: draft resolution — The role of the Ombudsman, mediator and other national human rights institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights [A C E F R S]

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